

# UNITED STATES CLIMATE ALLIANCE

## US Climate Alliance Winter Meeting August 2, 2018

[Venue TBD], Massachusetts

Teleconference: [XX]

Videoconference & Webinar Link [XX]

### Draft Agenda

**Overview:** This working level meeting is intended to explore whether the U.S. Climate Alliance is on track to achieve its goals and to adjust accordingly. Looking forward, we will aim at the meeting to dig into the initiative work, focusing on where input and approval from the governors' offices is essential, and to finalize preparations for the Global Climate Action Summit, Climate Week and COP24. Specific objectives include:

1. Identify successes from the first year, honing in on progress towards the goals in our 2018 Strategic Plan, and any recommendations on improving the work of the U.S. Climate Alliance. Agree on a strategy for additional recruitment ahead of and after the mid-term elections.
2. Provide input to initiatives on specific actions where states can be engaged to deliver results, agree on partners for our Deployment Consortium (to be "launched" in December), and identify additional areas that could be strategic opportunities for cooperation – thinking towards priorities for 2019.
3. Finalize U.S. Climate Alliance engagement at the Global Climate Action Summit, including negotiations on any announcements, agreement on content and speakers for the U.S. Climate Alliance event, and strategizing on outreach to potential donors.

#### 10:00-10:15    Welcome Remarks

Secretary Matthew A. Beaton

Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

#### 10:15-10:30    Update from Secretariat

The Secretariat will provide a brief overview of accomplishments to date.

Speaker: Julie Cerqueira, U.S. Climate Alliance

Outcome: Information only

Documents: N/A

**10:30-11:30      Reflections on our first year and priorities for 2019: Tour-de-Table**

Each state will be invited to reflect on the U.S. Climate Alliance's first year, highlighting specific successes that we can build on. States will also be invited to share any areas we can improve to be more effective at support state climate leadership, or coordinating multi-state approaches intended to move or transform the market. Participants are asked to recommend specific changes or models that can be implemented by the U.S. Climate Alliance. Finally, states will share their ideas on priorities and milestones for 2019, with each invited to come forward with at least one thing they are doing that could be a model for the Alliance to replicate.

**Comment [JC1]:** States will be asked to send ahead of time.

Facilitator: Julie Cerqueira, U.S. Climate Alliance

Outcome: Agreement on specific recommendations that can be implemented by the Secretariat, in cooperation with the initiatives and Alliance States, to improve the U.S. Climate Alliance.

Documents: 2018 Strategic Plan and Goals (internal version)

**11:30-11:45      Coffee Break**

**11:45-13:15      Initiative Updates – Round 1 (20 min each)**

The secretariat will frame the initiatives in the context of the U.S. Climate Alliance's broader portfolio of work. Select initiatives will then give an overview of progress-to-date, with longer discussions on those that need feedback from the governors' teams in order to reach consensus on coordinated, multi-state actions, including those that could deliver announcements at the Global Climate Action Summit. Initiative leads are asked to provide a high-level overview and focus on specific outputs that need the feedback of governors' teams.

**Product Energy Efficiency Standards**

Speaker: TBD

**Short-Lived Climate Pollutants**

Speakers: TBD

*5-min break*

**Natural & Working Lands**

Speaker: TBD

**[Transportation**

Speakers: TBD]

Outcome: Agreement on initiative-related announcements, indications of actions individual states can support and any resources/assistance needed to assess or take action.

Documents: Organization Chart of Alliance bodies; Overview of Initiative Progress

13:15-14:00 *Lunch Break (Provided)*

14:00-15:00 **Initiative Updates – Round 2 (10 min each)**

**Green Banks**

Speaker: TBD

**Climate Resilience**

Speaker: TBD

**Greenhouse Gas Inventories**

Speaker: TBD

**North America Climate Leadership Dialogue**

Speaker: TBD

**Power Grid Modernization and Community-based Solar**

Speaker: TBD

Outcome: Information Only

Documents: Organizational Chart of Alliance bodies; Overview of Initiative Progress

15:00-15:45 **Global Climate Action Summit – Overview and Alliance Events**

California will provide an update on the Global Climate Action Summit (GCAS) taking place in San Francisco on September 12-14, highlighting opportunities for governors to engage. The Secretariat will then run through the U.S. Climate Alliance events throughout the 3-day Summit. The session aims to finalize remaining details, including participation of governors and invited guests. States are invited to share any other events where they or their governors expect to participate.

Speaker: Ashley Conrad-Saydah, California *and* Julie Cerqueira, U.S. Climate Alliance Secretariat

Outcomes: Support from states in finalizing details for events, especially engagement of governors at specific events and coordination of messaging.

Documents: Overview of GCAS; List of U.S. Climate Alliance events at GCAS; [Preview of GCAS video][GCAS video script]

15:45 – 16:00 *Coffee Break*

**16:00-16:45 Global Climate Action Summit - Announcements**

Alliance states will discuss the announcements being prepared for GCAS with an aim towards agreeing on final draft text. States should come prepared to indicate what elements of the announcements they are able to support. States are also invited to indicate any state-specific, non-Alliance announcements for GCAS.

Facilitator: Julie Cerqueira, U.S. Climate Alliance Secretariat

Outcomes: Agreement on final draft text for U.S. Climate Alliance announcements

Documents: Draft U.S. Climate Alliance announcement for GCAS

**16:45-17:00 Climate Week and COP24**

New York will share plans for an announcement on Green Banks at Climate Week. The Secretariat will give a short overview of U.S. Climate Alliance presence at COP24. States are invited to indicate whether they or their governors plan to participate at either event and need any support in placement at events.

**Comment [JC2]:** We will submit our second annual report to the Talanoa Dialogue in October. Consider participation at the high-level event

Facilitator: John O'Leary, New York *and* Julie Cerqueira, U.S. Climate Alliance Secretariat

Outcomes: Information Only

Documents: N/A

Documents: Draft

**17:00-17:15 Wrap-up**

The Secretariat will give an overview of the day's progress and next steps.

Speaker: Julie Cerqueira, U.S. Climate Alliance

Outcomes: Information only

Documents: N/A